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Eriador is the large region in the north-west of [Middle-earth](#) inhabited by all the [Free peoples](#), being the location of many of the most important events of the [Second](#) and [Third Ages](#). By the end of the Third Age its main inhabitants were [Hobbits](#) of the [Shire](#) and the surrounding lands.

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"Morgoth held hurled aloft [Grond](#), Hammer of the Underworld, and swung it down like a bolt of thunder. But [Fingolfin](#) sprang aside, and [Grond](#) rent a mighty pit in the earth, whence smoke and fire darted. Many times Morgoth essayed to smite him, and each time [Fingolfin](#) leaped away, as a lightning shoots from under dark cloud; and he wounded Morgoth with seven wounds, and seven times Morgoth gave a cry of anguish, whereat the hosts of [Angband](#) fell upon their faces in dismay, and the cries echoed in the [Northlands](#)."

– J.R.R. Tolkien, Christopher Tolkien (ed.), *The Silmarillion*, "[Quenta Silmarillion: Of the Ruin of Beleriand and the Fall of Fingolfin](#)"

On this day...
(May 21)

On Earth

- **1944** - J.R.R. Tolkien writes [Letter 70](#).
- **2000** - The message-board [Minastirith.com](#) goes online.
- **2011** - [Unquendor's](#) Lustrumfeest.

In Arda

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Flies and Spiders

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Updates

- **3-18-11** - Footer of Cavendish skin has been tweaked to consume much less space. Ithilien skin: categories now fit in the niche at the bottom; shading around the bottom has been removed (as it got in the way); page title has been moved up to be flush with the top of the navigation bar; page toolbar moved to fit properly in its niche.
- **3-16-11** - Tolkien Gateway reaches 9,000 articles! Well done, everyone!
- **2-4-11** - EmbedVideo, Editcount, ImageMap and Stringfunctions extensions have all been installed. Glitch in the user creation log has been fixed. Edit tools have been expanded with more buttons.

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